

(4) New training programmes for restructured cadres of Group 'C' 'D' have been finalised

(c) Not applicable in view of reply at (b) above

**Amendment to Indian Telegraph Act, 1885**

+2092 SHRI BARE LAL JATAV  
SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES  
SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Indian Telegraph Act was enacted in 1885,

(b) whether the Government propose to make amendments in it,

(c) if so, the details thereof, and

(d) the reason therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P V RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir

(c) The Government has separately appointed a Committee for comprehensive review of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, on 4th November, 1991

(d) The Act is over a hundred years old and needs Comprehensive amendments to be in tune with the changed situation brought about by the rapid technological advancements made in our country in the field of Telecommunications

**Poisonous Gas In Power Generation**

+2093 SHRI BARE LAL JATAV Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have recently initiated talks with Germany in order to reduce poisonous gas in power generation,

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI)** (a) No, Sir

(b) and (c) Does not arise

**Development of Buddhist Tourist Places**

+2094 SHRI RATILAL VARMA  
SHRIMATI BHAVANA CHIKHLIA  
DR RAMESH CHAND TOMAR  
SHRI DEVI BUXT SINGH

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether Japan has proposed to give assistance for the development of Buddhist tourist places in India

(b) if so, the names of such places in Uttar Pradesh being developed/to be developed with their assistance, and

(c) the amount released or proposed to be released for this purpose by the Union Government?

**THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA)** (a) Government of India and the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund of Japan have signed a Loan Agreement on December 15, 1988 for development of infrastructural facilities at select site in the identified Buddhist Circuit in the States of UP and Bihar at a total project cost of Rs 220.43 crores out of which financial assistance from the OECF would be to the tune of 9244